

Reply to Office Action of October 19, 2005
Amendment Dated: February 14, 2006

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REMARKS

Claims 1-19 were examined in the Outstanding Office Action dated December 19 2005 and the same claims are again presented for consideration. Applicants note with appreciation that claims 6, 14, 17 and 19 were indicated to be allowable or rewritten in 5 independent format.

Claims 1,16, 2,3,4, 7-13,15, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carrender et al. (US 2004/0212480) in view of Lareau et al. (US 2003/0137968).

In response, applicantssubmit affidavits under 37 CFR 1.131 from from the inventors 10 Mr. Gopinath Chappidi and Mr. Vinayak Kore (dated 10 February 2006), Mr. Suprio Dasgupta (also dated 10 February 2006) and the undersigned representative (dated 14 February 2006) to swear behind Carrender according to the procedure further outlined in 37 CFR § 131(b) and MPEP § 715.

As noted there at §715.07(C), one of the ways to swear behind requires showing of: 15 (1) conception of the invention prior to the effective date of the reference; (2) coupled with due diligence from prior to the reference date to the filing date of the application (constructive reduction to practice).

The effective date of the reference to be overcome is April 28, 2003, the filing date of Carrender.

20 The date of conception is established by Exhibit A in combination with the declarations of the inventors.

Diligence from prior to the reference date (28 April 2003) to the filing date of the subject application (30 March 2004) is established by the three appended affidavits (i.e., of the inventors, Mr. Suprio Dasgupta and the undersigned representative).

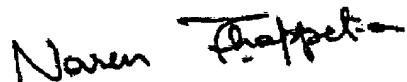
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25 Withdrawal of Carrender as a prior art reference and continuation of Examination is respectfully requested.

Thus, all the objections and rejections are believed to be overcome, at least in view of the appended affidavits and remarks, and that all the presented claims are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative if it
30 is believed that an interview might be useful for any reason.

Respectfully submitted,



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